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TAGS: OEXC SCUL FR
SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR ONE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR EURP - BIOTECHNOLOGY AND FOOD SAFETY (JUNE 5 - 23, 2006)

REF: STATE 004520

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE ONE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM: MRS. HELENE MORAUT-PESTANES.

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POST-PROJ-ID: 278

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - EURP Biotechnology and Food Safety

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

This project is designed for government officials, politicians, and academics actively developing or interpreting issues related to biotechnology and food safety. The program will review the environmental implications of genetically engineered products; provide an overview of food safety policies in the U.S.; examine food security issues, and analyze the potential impact of biotechnology on the world's food supply and international agricultural trade.

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Regional

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SUBJ-DISC: Biotechnology

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mrs

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PRINCIPAL?: Yes

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CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
In charge of communication, AFSSA (French Food Safety Agency),
since March 2005
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2003-2005 - Agriculture and Food Specialist in France's
largest consumer association "UFC-Que Choisir"
1999-2003 - Director of the French Technical Institute of
Organic Agriculture - ITAB
1999-2002 - Chief Editor, "Alter-Agri Magazine" (ITAB
publication)
1997-1999 - Project manager in the regional Chamber of
Agriculture of Champagne-Ardenne

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Africa - 1996, internship
Oceania - Tourism

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:

1993-1996 - Master of Science in Agronomy and Economics, Paris
University of Agronomy
END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

- ACCIR: association of North-South cooperation
- Max Havelaar: French national association for fair trade
- FERT: rural organization in Madagascar

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

1999-2002 - "Alter-Agri Magazine" organic agriculture
publication
1998 - Action plan for the development of organic agriculture
in the Champagne-Ardenne region
1995 - INRA (French Research Institute in Agronomy)
publication on domesticated animals and environment management
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Marie-Cecile Henard

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Helene Moraut-Pestanes is in charge of communication in the French Food Safety Agency - AFSSA. Thanks to her technical and regulatory expertise in food safety, nutrition, biotechnology, international farm policies and environment, she is the person explaining complex and technical AFSSA recommendations and reports to the press and the public. She is therefore a key-person to educate about the U.S. regulatory framework on risk assessment and communication on risk in the farm and food sector. With her professional expertise in organic and biotechnology, learning about these sectors in the United States would help her understand the technical and economical feasibility of their coexistence. Biotech and non-biotech coexistence is currently the key-issue in France and other European Union Member States, as it is not regulated at the European level.

For Helene Moraut-Pestanes and AFSSA, building contacts in the United States with agencies in charge of risk evaluation and communication on risk in food safety, nutrition, organic and biotechnology would be helpful to improve consumer education and adjust the information provided to consumers to their demands and fears. She could contribute to change French consumer perception of biotech products in food.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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